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MEMORANDUM FOR: STB

SUBJECT: Use of Case Histories in TRD

1. It seems to me that there are two things concerning case histories which we must consider within TRD. These are:

a. To insure the procurement of sufficient case histories to maintain a high degree of realism and timeliness in our instruction, and

b. To insure control in the use of these case histories within our instruction

2. In general I do not believe in committees because they are too cumbersome, lack direction and end in debating societies. In this instance I believe the responsibility for the procurement and handling of case histories should rest with the Chief, TMS. It appears appropriate to have an ad hoc committee composed of representatives from the three training branches to assist and advise Chief, TMS in the accomplishment of the second factor noted in paragraph 1.b above.

3. As for paragraph 3.g of your memorandum it seems to me that this must be determined in light of the content of each case history. It is the responsibility of all of the branch chiefs to insure that sensitive materials do not reach personnel who are unauthorized or who for operational purposes should not receive such material. This is true of all three training branches and must be handled according to the situation of each branch. As a further check on this matter, Chief, TMS should likewise carefully scrutinize each case history and determine the appropriateness of including such material in the instruction of the several branches. In doubtful or questionable cases the ad hoc committee as mentioned above should be convened to consider the situation. In cases where a decision cannot be reached they should be referred to Chief, TRD who will make the necessary decision.

4. It is not believed advisable that we send the attached memorandum to ADSO and ADPC, principally due to the fact that it can be accomplished entirely within TRD, with the exception that we should notify the division and staff chiefs of our requirements and use of such cases histories and our proposed security procedures for their handling. Therefore, the committee recommended in paragraph 3 of your attached memorandum should be convened to prepare the memorandum mentioned in paragraph 3.a.

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5. At first glance it may seem that I have torn your memorandum to pieces but that is not the case. I believe fully in the extensive use of case histories and want to do everything possible to see the furthering of that purpose. Generally, my ideas go right along with yours with the exception that I do not want to see a committee given this wide authority but rather to affix the primary authority with Chief, TMS and for the branch chiefs to recognize their own responsibility for the use of such materials in their training.



Chief, TRD

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